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JAPAN.

Reports from Kobe—Inspection of vessels—Emigrants recommended for rejection—Epidemic of smallpox at Osaka ceased.

Temporary Acting Assistant Surgeon Smith reports, August 4 and 12:

Week ended August 1, seven supplemental bills of health were granted to 7 steamers. There were inspected 49 members of crews and 628 steerage passengers, 110 steerage passengers were bathed and disinfected. Their effects were disinfected by steam. The number of pieces of baggage steamed was 263; bedding 222. Manifests were viséed for 63,563 pieces of freight, amounting to 5,304 tons.

Emigrants were examined as follows: Steamship *Manchuria* for Honolulu, passed 33, recommended for rejection 33; steamship *Manchuria* for San Francisco, recommended for rejection, 3; steamship *Shinano Maru* for Seattle, passed 29, recommended for rejection 18; steamship *Tenyo Maru* for Manila, passed 8; steamship *Hongkong Maru* for Honolulu, passed 31, recommended for rejection, 26.

The emigrants passed, together with 5 intending passengers to Victoria by the steamship *Shinano Maru*, were inspected, bathed, and disinfected and their effects disinfected before embarkation.

During the week 132 cases of human hair and 2 trunks of personal effects were disinfected with formalin.

No cases of plague have been reported in Kobe since July 21.

Week ended August 8, two supplemental bills of health were granted to 2 steamers.

There were inspected 35 members of crews and 5 steerage passengers; there were 25 members of crews bathed and disinfected, and their effects were disinfected by steam. The number of pieces of baggage steamed was 70. Manifests were viséed for 28,905 pieces of freight, amounting to 1,095 tons.

The report from Osaka for the week ended August 1 shows 1 death from smallpox, with no new cases.

Epidemic of smallpox at Osaka ceased.

The following is received from Vice-Consul Gassett, at Kobe, under date of July 16:

Smallpox having ceased to be epidemic at Osaka, the quarantine laws and regulations of the United States appertaining to infected places will from this date be no longer enforced at this consulate.

Report from Nagasaki—Cholera at Moji.

The following is received from the Department of State under date of September 9:

This Department is in receipt of the following cablegram from the consul at Nagasaki:

Cholera, Moji.